

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :  
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-v- :  
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SYDNEY SCALES, :  
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Defendant. :  
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ORDER

The pretrial conference and arraignment currently scheduled for December 4, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., is hereby rescheduled to occur as a telephonic conference on **December 4, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.**<sup>1</sup> As requested, defense counsel will be given an opportunity to speak with the Defendant by telephone for fifteen minutes before the proceeding begins (i.e., at **11:45 a.m.**); defense counsel should make sure to answer the telephone number that was previously provided to Chambers at that time.

At the time of the conference, counsel should call **888-363-4734** and use access code **1527005#**, followed by security code **1919#**. (Members of the press and public may call the same number, but will not be permitted to speak during the conference.) Counsel should adhere to the following rules and guidelines during the conference:

1. Each party should designate a single lawyer to speak on its behalf (including when noting the appearances of other counsel on the telephone).
2. Counsel should use a landline whenever possible, should use a headset instead of a speakerphone, and must mute themselves whenever they are not speaking to

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<sup>1</sup> The Court requested that Mr. Scales be produced for a videoconference. Unfortunately, due to the high volume of requests at the facility where Mr. Scales is in custody, a videoconference was not possible.

eliminate background noise. In addition, counsel should not use voice-activated systems that do not allow the user to know when someone else is trying to speak at the same time.

3. To facilitate an orderly teleconference and the creation of an accurate transcript, counsel are *required* to identify themselves every time they speak. Counsel should spell any proper names for the court reporter. Counsel should also take special care not to interrupt or speak over one another.
4. If there is a beep or chime indicating that a new caller has joined while counsel is speaking, counsel should pause to allow the Court to ascertain the identity of the new participant and confirm that the court reporter has not been dropped from the call.

Further, all participants must identify themselves every time they speak, spell any proper names for the court reporter, and take care not to interrupt or speak over one another. Finally, all of those accessing the conference — whether in listen-only mode or otherwise — are reminded that recording or rebroadcasting of the proceeding is prohibited by law.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York  
November 24, 2020

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain  
LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
United States District Judge  
For the Hon. Jed S. Rakoff